

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

KAYLA ROBINSON,)
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Plaintiff,)
) Case No. 4:17-CV-00156PLC
v.)
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CITY OF ST. LOUIS, et al.,)
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Defendants.)

DEFENDANT DOTSON'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S PETITION

Defendant Colonel D. Samuel Dotson III, ("Defendant"), by and through counsel, and for his Answer to Plaintiff's Petition, states as follows.

1. Defendant neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in paragraph 1 as they constitute the legal conclusions of Plaintiff. To the extent that further response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 1.

2. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 2 and, therefore, denies the same.

3. Defendant admits that the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department employs Defendants Hawkins, Swinton, O'Toole, and Dotson. Defendant neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations contained in

paragraph 3 as they constitute the legal conclusions of Plaintiff. To the extent that further response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 3.

4. Defendant admits that Defendant Hawkins has been employed by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department from 2012 to the present. Defendant neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 4 as they constitute the legal conclusions of Plaintiff. To the extent that further response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 4.

5. Defendant admits that Defendant Swinton has been employed by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department from 2012 to the present. Defendant neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 5 as they constitute the legal conclusions of Plaintiff. To the extent that further response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 5.

6. Defendant admits that Defendant O'Toole has been employed by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department from 2012 to the present. Defendant neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 6 as they constitute the legal conclusions of Plaintiff. To the extent that further response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 6.

7. Defendant admits that he has been employed by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department from 2012 to the present. Defendant neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 7 as they constitute the legal conclusions of Plaintiff. To the extent that further response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 7.

8. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 8 and, therefore, denies the same.

9. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 9 and, therefore, denies the same.

10. Defendant neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in paragraph 10 as they constitute the legal conclusions of Plaintiff. To the extent that further response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 10.

11. Defendant repleads and incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, his answers to paragraphs 1 through 10 of Plaintiff's petition.

12. Defendant neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in paragraph 12 as they constitute the legal conclusions of Plaintiff. To the extent that further response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the

allegations contained in paragraph 12.

13. Defendant neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in paragraph 13 as they constitute the legal conclusions of Plaintiff. To the extent that further response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 13.

14. Defendant repleads and incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, his answers to paragraphs 1 through 13 of Plaintiff's Petition.

15. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 15 and, therefore, denies the same.

16. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 16 and, therefore, denies the same.

17. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 17 and, therefore, denies the same.

18. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 18 and, therefore, denies the same.

19. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 19 and,

therefore, denies the same.

20. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 20 and, therefore, denies the same.

21. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 21 and, therefore, denies the same.

22. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 22 and, therefore, denies the same.

23. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 23 and, therefore, denies the same.

24. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 24 and, therefore, denies the same.

25. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 25 and, therefore, denies the same.

26. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 26 and,

therefore, denies the same.

27. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 27 and, therefore, denies the same.

28. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 28 and, therefore, denies the same.

29. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 29 and, therefore, denies the same.

30. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 30 and, therefore, denies the same.

31. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 31 and, therefore, denies the same.

32. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 32 and, therefore, denies the same.

33. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 33 and,

therefore, denies the same.

34. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 34 and, therefore, denies the same.

35. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 35 and, therefore, denies the same.

36. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 36 and, therefore, denies the same.

37. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 37 and, therefore, denies the same.

38. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 38 and, therefore, denies the same.

39. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 39 and, therefore, denies the same.

40. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 40 and,

therefore, denies the same.

41. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 41 and, therefore, denies the same.

42. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 42 and, therefore, denies the same.

43. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 43 and, therefore, denies the same.

44. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 44 and, therefore, denies the same.

45. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 45 and, therefore, denies the same.

46. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 46 and, therefore, denies the same.

47. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 47 and,

therefore, denies the same.

48. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 48 and, therefore, denies the same.

49. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 49 and, therefore, denies the same.

50. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 50 and, therefore, denies the same.

51. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 51 and, therefore, denies the same.

52. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 52 and, therefore, denies the same.

53. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 53 and, therefore, denies the same.

54. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 54 and,

therefore, denies the same.

55. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 55 and, therefore, denies the same.

56. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 56 and, therefore, denies the same.

57. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 57 and, therefore, denies the same.

58. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 58 and, therefore, denies the same.

59. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 59 and, therefore, denies the same.

60. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 60 and, therefore, denies the same.

61. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 61 and,

therefore, denies the same.

62. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 62 and, therefore, denies the same.

63. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 63 and, therefore, denies the same.

64. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 64 and, therefore, denies the same.

65. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 65 and, therefore, denies the same.

66. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 66 and, therefore, denies the same.

67. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 67 and, therefore, denies the same.

68. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 68 and,

therefore, denies the same.

69. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 69 and, therefore, denies the same.

70. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 70 and, therefore, denies the same.

71. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 71 and, therefore, denies the same.

72. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 72 and, therefore, denies the same.

73. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 73 and, therefore, denies the same.

74. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 74.

75. Defendant denies he violated any of Plaintiff's constitutional rights. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 75 and, therefore, denies the same.

76. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 76.

COUNT I

Defendant makes no response to Count I as it does not appear directed to Defendant. To the extent that a response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the allegations contained in Count I.

COUNT II

Defendant makes no response to Count II as it does not appear directed to Defendant. To the extent that a response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the allegations contained in Count II.

COUNT III

Defendant makes no response to Count III as it does not appear directed to Defendant. To the extent that a response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the allegations contained in Count III.

COUNT IV

100. Defendant repleads and incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, his answers to paragraphs 1 through 99 of Plaintiff's Petition.

101. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 101 and, therefore, denies the same.

102. Defendant neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in paragraph 102 as they constitute the legal conclusions of Plaintiff. To the

extent that further response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 102.

103. Defendant denies that the training policies of any of the referenced Defendants were not adequate to train police officers to handle the usual and recurring situations with which they must deal. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 103 and, therefore, denies the same.

104. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 104.

105. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 105.

106. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 106.

107. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 107.

108. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 108.

109. Defendant denies he violated any of Plaintiff's constitutional rights. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 109 and, therefore, denies the same.

110. Defendant neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in paragraph 110 as they constitute the legal conclusions of Plaintiff. To the extent that further response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 110.

111. Defendant neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in paragraph 111 as they constitute the legal conclusions of Plaintiff. To the extent that further response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 111.

112. Defendant neither admits nor denies the allegations beginning with the word “Defendants” and concluding with the term “rights” contained in paragraph 112 as they constitute the legal conclusions of Plaintiff. To the extent that further response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies those allegations. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 112 and, therefore, denies the same.

113. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 113.
WHEREFORE, Defendant Colonel D. Samuel Dotson III having fully answered the allegations contained in Count IV of Plaintiff's Petition, requests that the Court dismiss Count IV with prejudice, assess costs against Plaintiff, and grant such other relief as this Court deems just and proper.

COUNT V

114. Defendant repleads and incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, his answers to paragraphs 1 through 113 of Plaintiff's Petition.

115. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 115 and,

therefore, denies the same.

116. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 116.

117. Defendant denies that the any improper supervision was provided to the referenced subordinates. Defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 117 and, therefore, denies the same.

118. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 118.

119. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 119.

120. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 120.

121. Defendant neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in paragraph 121 as they constitute the legal conclusions of Plaintiff. To the extent that further response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 121.

122. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 122.

123. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 123.

124. Defendant neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in paragraph 124 as they constitute the legal conclusions of Plaintiff. To the extent that further response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 124.

125. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 125.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Colonel D. Samuel Dotson III, having fully answered the allegations contained in Count V of Plaintiff's Petition, requests that the Court dismiss Count V with prejudice, assess costs against Plaintiff, and grant such other relief as this Court deems just and proper.

COUNT VI

Defendant makes no response to Count VI as it does not appear directed to Defendant. To the extent that a response is deemed necessary, Defendant denies the allegations contained in Count VI.

Affirmative Defenses

First Affirmative Defense

Plaintiff fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

Second Affirmative Defense

For further answer, and as an affirmative defense, Defendant states that he is entitled to qualified immunity for all claims because any and all actions taken by him in regard to Plaintiff were done under the reasonable and good faith belief that said actions were constitutional.

Third Affirmative Defense

For further answer, and as an affirmative defense, to the extent that Plaintiff has sued Defendants based upon their supervisory positions, *respondeat superior* is not a basis of liability under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and/or state law.

Fourth Affirmative Defense

Defendant incorporates by reference each and every additional affirmative defense which may be uncovered or made known during the investigation and discovery in this case. Defendant specifically reserves the right to amend their answer to include affirmative defenses at the time they are discovered.

Respectfully submitted,

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